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No money available to raze & rebuild dilapidated Saraswathipuram Fire Station, says Home Minister

Rs. 30 crore proposal not included in 2025-26 budget

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (BLU&BCT)- The long-pending renovation and restoration of the 126-year-old heritage Fire Station on Kantharaj Urs Road in Saraswathipuram has been pushed further into uncertainty, with the State Finance Department citing financial constraints and the absence of budgetary allocation.

Responding to a question by Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar informed the Legislative Assembly yesterday during the ongoing Winter Session in Belagavi that the century-old heritage structure will be demolished and reconstructed in the same architectural style.

However, he added that the Rs. 30 crore project has been deferred for want of financial clearance, as the project is yet to receive approval from the Finance Department.

(See FIRE STATION on page 6)

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Drunken brawl claims youth's life in H.D. Kote

H.D. Kote, Dec. 18 (BM&KS)- A drunken brawl in H.D. Kote taluk bordering Kerala has allegedly culminated in the murder of a youth on Tuesday night.

The incident occurred in H.D. Kote town limits. The deceased has been identified as Kalam (20), while the accused, Taveed, is absconding, according to the H.D. Kote Town Police.

According to the Police, a fight broke out between Kalam and Taveed on Tuesday night, with both allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

Kalam
Victim

Taveed
Accused

In a fit of rage, Taveed is said to have assaulted Kalam on the head, causing serious injuries, before fleeing the scene.

Passersby who found Kalam lying in a pool of blood rushed him to the H.D. Kote Government Hospital, where he was given first-aid.

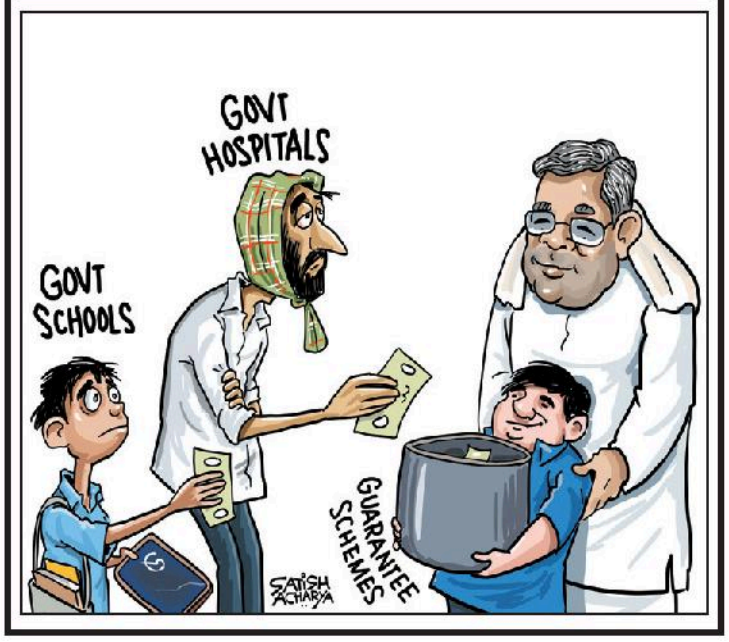
He was later shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for advanced treatment.

However, he succumbed to his injuries the same night, the Police said.

Mysuru Superintendent of Police N. Vishnuvardhana, along with Dy.SP Ravi, Inspector Gangadhar, Sub-Inspectors Chikkanayaka and Suresh Nayak and other staff, visited the spot.

(See BRAWL on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 18th December 2025

Kapila Aarti at N'gud on Dec. 21

Nanjangud, Dec. 18- On the lines of the famous Ganga Aarti in Kashi, Yuva Brigade volunteers have organised Kapila Aarti on the banks of River Kapila in the temple town on Sunday (Dec. 21) at 6 pm. Swami Muktidanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, will grace the occasion.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) National Joint Secretary Gopal and Yuva Brigade Founder Chakravarty Sulibele will be present at the event.

Earlier in the day, devotees can offer *ashta theertha abhisheka* to Lord Srikanteshwaraswamy at Hadinaru Kalu Mantapa at 9 am.

For details, contact Mob: 72595-82458.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

POWER OF PROPER WORSHIP: ***When we worship the Divine Lord, our sins are removed and we become worthy of receiving His blessings. For this reason, temples have, from time immemorial, followed the tradition of performing daily pujas and conducting various*** *utsavas*. ***Among them, Pavitra Utsavam is observed annually to remove any deficiencies that may have occurred in the temple during the year. The sanctified and energised Lord clears all obstacles that hinder devotees from obtaining His grace.***

Thanneerpalli Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that devotees must also uphold certain traditional norms when visiting the temple — such as wearing proper attire, applying the prescribed marks on the forehead, observing fasts on *Ekadasi* ***when possible and maintaining reverence in conduct. These practices help preserve the sanctity of worship and deepen the devotee's spiritual experience.***

The Vishnu Sahasranama declares that among all righteous practices, *Āchāra* ***stands supreme*** *(Achara prabhavo dharmo dharmasya prabhurachyta).* ***Our behaviour, conduct and way of life should therefore be aligned with the guidelines laid down in the*** *Shastras*. ***The Lord, being the embodiment and guardian of Dharma, bestows His blessings upon those who follow the prescribed path. Practising*** *Āchāra* ***removes the latent*** *Tamas* ***within us and nurtures the growth of*** *Sattva*, ***leading us towards purity, clarity and inner harmony.***

The idols in temples, when consecrated and worshipped with the prescribed rituals, are endowed with the same divine potency as the Lord in Sri Vaikuntha. Likewise, the pujas we perform at home — when done with sincerity and in accordance with the *Shastras* ***— bestow auspiciousness and confer all noble benefits upon the devotee.***

Pious feelings alone, without sincere effort to follow the prescribed path, will not yield results. One should not alter *anushtānam and āchāra* ***to suit personal convenience; they must be upheld with discipline and integrity.***— *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Aircraft wing wider than football field

California: The Stratolaunch ROC is a twin-fuselage aircraft that has the longest wingspan ever flown, at 385 feet (117 m), making it much wider than a football field (300 ft).

Nicknamed ROC after the giant mythical bird capable of carrying elephants in its talons, the Stratolaunch Model 351 is a one-of-a-kind engineering marvel. Originally designed to carry air-launch-to-orbit (ALTO) rockets, it was subsequently re-purposed to offer air launch hypersonic flight testing following the death of Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who had also co-founded Scaled Composites, the maker of the ROC.

The combined wingspan of these two fuselages adds up to 385 feet (117 m), making the ROC wider than a 300 ft (91 m) American football field.

Home flooded with unwanted packages

Washington: A Washington, D.C., family said more than 100 packages intended for a local hotel have been delivered to their home during the past six months.

A resident, who wished to be identified only as Brittany, said she believes guests at the Arlo, a hotel about a mile from her home, have apparently been ordering packages intended to be delivered to the hotel, but mistakenly clicking her address on Amazon instead.

"We've received everything from cat food to vitamin supplements to even a chainsaw," Brittany said.

She said her address appears before the hotel's address on Amazon's options list and added that there is a one-letter difference between her address and that of the Arlo.

An investigation found the woman's address was listed as the company's return location. Amazon retrieved the unwanted packages from the woman's home and said it was working on a permanent solution to the issue.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The heart works differently at night and early morning

Hormonal and blood pressure changes during early morning hours increase heart workload, which explains why many cardiac events are noticed after waking.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Cultural Outreach Programme at BVB Mysuru on Dec. 20

Thimmaraju *Vanitha* *Divya* *Megha*

Raghu *Punyesh* *Punith* *Kiran* *Gurudath*

Mysuru, Dec. 18- As part of its 162nd Cultural Outreach Programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, in association with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, has organised Folk Songs Programme by Dr. Appagere Thimmaraju and team at BVB premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, on Dec. 20 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vanitha, Divya and Megha as co-singers, Raghu on tabla, Punyesh on harmonium, Punith on flute, Kiran on dholak and Gurudath on tala gejje, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.38 feet**	Today's level **2,275.75 feet**	Today's level **2,830.10 feet**
Last year's level **124.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.89 feet**	Last year's level **2,833.75 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.26 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.69 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.44 feet**
Today's Inflow **3,728 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **445 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **131 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,624 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **0 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Squirrel monkeys spend 75-80% of their day foraging for fruit, insects and other small arthropods. During the dry season, fruit becomes more scarce and they are able to depend entirely on animal prey.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tintu to his friend: *I do not think I will get any proper job in India. So I have decided to go abroad.*

Raju: *Very good decision. Is everything ready to go?*

Tintu: *All ready. Only two things I have to get.*

Raju: *What is that?*

Tintu: *Passport and Visa!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.13
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 120.49
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.54
1 Euro	= Rs. 105.84

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru's Hebbal Industrial Area looks like a village!

Sir,

Why should new industries come to Mysuru when the old ones are leaving?

The Hebbal Industrial Area has slowly started to look like a village. In some places, one can even see bullock carts being used for transport.

Many areas have become accident-prone due to badly damaged roads. Because of this poor infrastructure, several industries are now deciding to move away from Mysuru.

For many years, I have personally witnessed the condition of these roads and people are completely fed up.

The condition is especially bad on the following roads: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited Road; Railway Crossing to Ring Road near JK Tyre and Industries; Truck Radial Plant-2 Road; RPG Tele Cable Road, where all the cracker shops are located. All these roads are in extremely poor condition and need immediate attention.

I request the authorities concerned to ensure that Mysuru is properly developed with good infrastructure so that existing industries stay and new industries are encouraged to invest in our city. Mysuru should grow as a clean, safe and well-developed industrial city.

— Ishtiaq Ahmed
Mysuru
4.12.2025

City's Manvanth Kumar named in Vijay Hazare squad

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (VNS)- City's L. Manvanth Kumar, who had made headlines after being picked up by Delhi Capitals for 2025 season of Indian Premier League (IPL), has been named to represent Karnataka in Vijay Hazare Tournament organised by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Manvanth Kumar

Manvanth Kumar, who has already represented the State U-23, U-19 and also played at Syed Mustaq Ali tournament, has been named in the State team for the first time for upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy.

A right-arm-medium fast bowler and a left-hand batter, Manvanth Kumar represents RBNCC team in KSCA Mysuru Zonal League matches.

Manvanth's family resides at J.P. Nagar in Mysuru. S. Lakshmi Kumar, his father, works as driver for Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma, noted astrologer in Srirangapatna.

Earlier, he worked as driver with Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) before resigning the job five years back. R. Sridevi Kumar, his mother, is a home-maker.

The Karnataka team led by Mayank Agarwal also includes K.L. Rahul, Prasidh Krishna, Karun Nair, Devdutt Padikkal, R. Smaran, K.L. Srijith, Abhinav Manohar, Shreyas Gopal, Vyshak Vijayakumar, Shreesha S. Achar, Abhilash Shetty, B.R. Sharath, Harshil Dharmani and Dhruv Prabhakar.

The inclusion of K.L. Rahul and Prasidh Krishna in the Karnataka team comes after BCCI had mandated that all current players on national duty must make themselves available for at least two Vijay Hazare trophy matches, citing the three-week window between India's final T20 match against South Africa in Ahmedabad on Dec. 19 and the opening ODI match against New Zealand on Jan. 11, 2026.

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Prize winners of Bhagavan Memorial English Debate contest

Mysuru, Dec. 18- The Bhagavan Memorial English Debate Contest for High School students was organised by the Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown in association with Trinity College and Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown on Dec. 16.

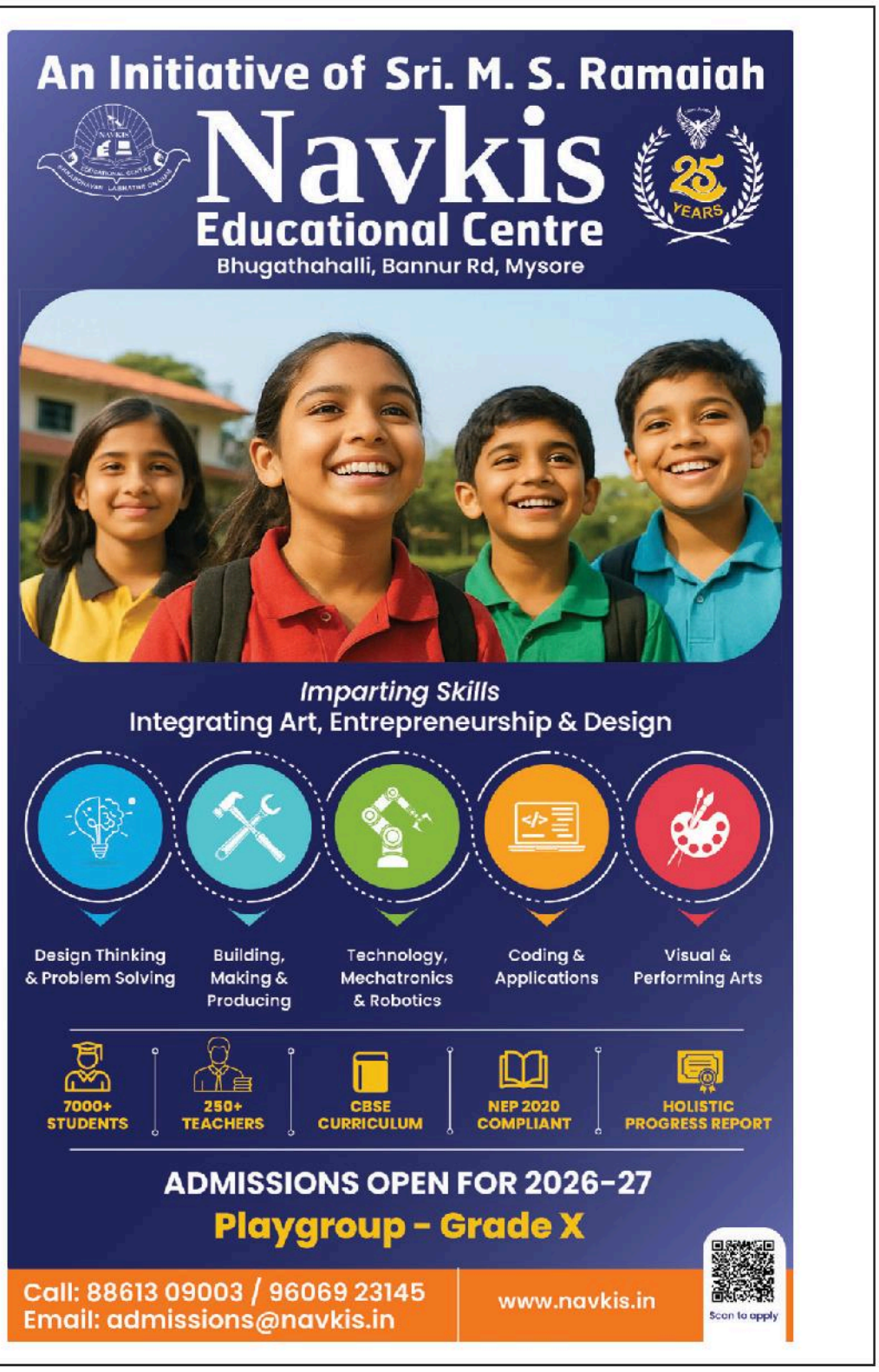
Fifty-two students from various institutions in Mysuru participated in the debate contest. The topic for the debate was 'Use of AI Tools by High School students enhances educational process.'

The youngsters assertively put forth their perspectives and opinions as they debated for and against the topic.

The experienced judges announced the following winners:

First prize - S. Srirathan of Vijaya Vittala School; **Second prize -** Divyasri of Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School; **Third prize -** Khushi Hegde of Trinity College; **Consolation Prize -** Dhanvi of Sapient College.

The event aimed to encourage critical thinking, communication skills and confidence among students besides sharpening their debating abilities in an inspiring academic environment.



NEWS BRIEFS

Commandant post

The Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office has invited applications from eligible candidates to serve as Honorary Commandant of Mysuru District Home Guards. Interested candidates may obtain the prescribed application form from the DC's Office and submit the filled-in application before Dec. 20, according to a press release from DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy.

Free coaching

Jnanabuthi will be providing free coaching for Police Constable and Sub-Inspector (PC and PSI) recruitment exams to be conducted by the State Government. Interested may register their names before Dec. 23 between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 94481-17455 or 99728-30857.

Netaji Education Foundation will also be conducting a three-month coaching for the aspirants of PC and PSI exams at its premises in Devaraja Mohalla from Dec. 19. For details, call Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-911,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by **K.A. Diwakar,** retd. Principal, Consultant, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Srirampura, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Dec. 20 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097.

Expo on physically disabled persons

Jnanabhandara Charitable Trust For The Disables has organised the District-level exhibition related to physically disabled persons, on Dec. 21 from 10 am to 6 pm at T.S. Subbanna Sarvajanika High School, Vidyaranyapuram in the city. The exhibition aims to create awareness among the public about various equipment and software used by the disabled persons in this modern era. Interested organisations working for the cause of disabled persons, institutions and schools and also individual persons can take part in the exhibition. For details contact Mob:99644-09929.

Annual Day

The 35th Annual Day of JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, will be held at the School premises on Dec. 23 at 5.30 pm. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath will preside. SP N. Vishnuvardhana will be the chief guest. University of Mysore retd. Professor Dr. K. Anantharamu will be the guest of honour.

'Restore Doddakere, shift Unity Mall elsewhere'

Mysuru Rakshana Vedike says Unity Mall would damage Mysore Palace's aesthetics

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (GA&BCT)- The Mysuru Rakshana Vedike has urged the State Government to reclaim the historic Doddakere Maidan, restore it as a full-fledged lake and shift the proposed Unity Mall to an alternative location in the city.

Vedike President M.K. Premkumar made this appeal while addressing reporters at Doddakere Maidan yesterday.

Premkumar said, Doddakere was never a man made tank but a naturally formed waterbody spread across 131 acres, fed by eight rain dependent feeder canals. "Even today, these canals exist. Rainwater flowing down from Chamundi Hill used to reach this lake through the Karanji Lake channel," he explained.

He demanded that the Government refill the lake and rejuvenate the entire area, instead of allowing construction near the water body.

"Why should a Unity Mall be built next to a lake? It will damage Mysuru's heritage and the visual grandeur of the Palace. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar should not push for such a project here. No construction should be permitted on lake land," he said.

Premkumar appealed to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to provide historical documents related to the lake to the authorities, stating that doing so would strengthen the Palace's legacy and help protect Mysuru's cultural identity.

He argued that restoring the 131-acre lake would enhance the city's heritage value. "KRS is just 15-km away. Filling this lake is not a major task for the Government. If Chief Minister Siddaramaiah wants his name to be remembered, he must bring Doddakere back to life. The Assembly is in Session — funds should be released immediately," he urged.

Premkumar alleged that despite an ongoing Court case regarding Doddakere Maidan, Mysuru district officials were misleading the Government and had allowed the Centre to proceed with the Unity Mall proposal.

"Earlier, Deputy Commissioners protected this land. Now, it appears officials are acting in ways that insult our MPs," he remarked.

He criticised officials for "sitting in AC rooms and drafting plans only to spend money" and insisted that public funds should be used for meaningful work. The Vedike will soon gather legal opinions and file Public Interest Litigations (PILs) opposing the project, he said.

Calling upon citizens, Premkumar said, "Anyone who cares about Mysuru must join this movement to restore Doddakere."

He also questioned the logic of promoting products through a Unity Mall while ignoring genuine regional specialities such as Mysore Mallige, Viledele and Nanjangud Rasabale, which he said deserve real encouragement.

Vedike Vice-President Kumar Gowda and Members Jagadish and Dileep were present.

NGO distributes essential kits to tribal families

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (VNS)- Mysuru city-based NGO Samskruthi Women Sphere, as part of its Vana Mitra Project, distributed daily-use essentials items to 50 tribal families residing in the remote Annemalu region of the Nagarahole forest area.

As part of the initiative, the NGO distributed 100 blankets, 100 steel plates and tumblers, 100 sarees, 100 mats, 100 T-shirts, 100 nighties, bangles, bindis, sanitary pads, fruits and snacks to the tribal families.

The distribution brought visible joy and relief to the beneficiaries, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the organisation.

Members of Samskruthi Women Sphere also interacted with the tribal families, understanding their challenges and strengthening bonds of trust and compassion. The team also visited a nearby tribal school, where food was served to the children, adding warmth and nourishment to their day.

Speaking on the occasion, representatives of Samskruthi Women Sphere President Sridevi Bhoopalam said that the Vana Mitra Project aims to build a meaningful connection between society and forest-dwelling communities, ensuring dignity, care and basic necessities for those living in marginalised regions.

"The project stands as a testament to Samskruthi Women Sphere's ongoing commitment to tribal welfare, women empowerment and inclusive social development, reinforcing the belief that collective compassion can create lasting change," she added.

Samskruthi Women Sphere Secretary Keerthi Ramesh, Treasurer Nanda Lokesh, Vice-President Archana Basavaraj, Cultural Director Shilpa Sundeep, Service Director Rashmi Nagendra, Project Convenor Sapna Madhusudan, Directors Asha Ramesh and Reka and Youth Directors Vyshnavi Vishnu, Amulya Darshan and Madhu took part in the event.

Pramoda Devi releases two books of Dr. CDS

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar** (centre), **Member of Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, along with K.K. Devamma (Ralie Ganapathy), Executive Director of Academy Newspapers Private Limited (publishers of** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra**) and Vikram Muthanna, Managing Editor of** Star of Mysore**, releasing the books of Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy (Dr. CDS) at the Mysore Race Club premises in city yesterday. Dr. CDS and his wife Shantha Sreenivas are also seen.

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (PM&BS)- City's senior physician and Cardiologist Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy (Dr. CDS) has brought out a English book titled *'Dr. CDS Writes,'* a collection of his columns published in *Star of Mysore* and write-ups which appeared in conference magazines.

The book was released by the Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Member of Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, along with K.K. Devamma (Ralie Ganapathy), Executive Director of Academy Newspapers Private Limited (publishers of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*) and Vikram Muthanna, Managing Editor of *Star of Mysore*, at the premises of Club House in Mysore Race Club yesterday.

The book release event coincided with the 60th marriage anniversary celebrations of Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy and Shantha Sreenivas.

Extending anniversary wishes to Dr. CDS couple on behalf of the invitees, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar congratulated Sreenivasa Murthy and said, "I have known Dr. CDS since past several decades, who has rendered his service in several hospitals, thus making a significant contribution in the field of medicine."

Earlier, in his address, Dr. CDS described the Founder Editor of *Star of Mysore,* late K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), as his mentor, for encouraging to pen columns.

"We came to know each other due to my profession as a doctor. KBG later became my friend and eventually my mentor," said Dr. CDS, remembering KBG.

A biography titled *'The Life of Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy,'* published in English, brought out by his family members, was also released on the occasion.

Kamakshi Hospital Administrator Dr. K.R. Kamath, Medical Superintendent Dr. C. Umesh Kamath and Industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy among the audience at the book release function.

Selected for H. Narasimhaiah Award

Dr. Mahesh Dalapathi

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (BS)- Dr. Mahesh Dalapathi of the city has been selected for State-level Dr. H. Narasimhaiah Award for the year 2025 by Karnataka State Scientific Research Council (KSSRC).

According to the Council District President Bhashpanjali, Dalapathi has been selected for the Award from the field of academics. He is the Syndicate Member of Mysore University and Principal of Vatsalya College of Education of Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, for the past 18 years.

A native of Tagadur in Nanjangud, Dalapathi is the member of Examination Board of the Mysore University. He has authored a biography of CM Siddaramaiah, titled 'Abhinava Arasu' that portrays the life and political journey of Siddaramaiah. Besides, several of his writings are ready for publication. He has made an impression as a writer and is on the Editorial Board of many publications.

The Narasimhaiah Award is given to one achiever from each of the district, said KSSRC President Hulikal Nataraj.

The award will be conferred at the State-level Conference scheduled from Dec. 28 to 30 at the District Stadium in Yadgir, stated a press release.

Vishwamanava Day celebrations on Dec. 29

Vishwakarma Day on Jan. 1, 2026

Mysuru, Dec.18 (DM)- Vishwamanava Day (birth anniversary of Poet Laureate Kuvempu) will be celebrated at 11 am on Dec. 29 at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road.

Vishwakarma Amarashilpi Jakanachari commemoration day (Samsmarana Dinacharane) will be celebrated at 11 am on Jan.1, 2026 at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises, under the aegis of Kannada and Culture Department.

Two separate preliminary meetings were held in this regard at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar on Bannur Road here on Tuesday, which was chaired by Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju.

The meetings resolved to celebrate the Jayantis on the respective days in a meaningful manner.

Niranthara Theatre Festival begins

Theatre is the mirror of society: Rameshwari Verma

Senior theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma beating the drum to mark the inauguration of 5-day Niranthara Theatre Festival at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises last evening. Also seen are Poet and thinker Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah, Somashekhar Sira and Prasad Kundoor of Niranthara Foundation.

Mysuru, Dec. 18- "Theatre is not merely entertainment; it is the mirror of society and our inner conscience. This Theatre Festival stands as a testimony of social awareness," said senior theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma.

Speaking after inaugurating the 5-day Niranthara Theatre Festival, organised by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises last evening, she praised Niranthara for its long-standing commitment to the Constitutional values of equality, liberty, fraternity and social justice. The Constitution, she said, is not merely a legal document but a philosophy of life.

Poet and thinker Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah, addressing the gathering as the chief guest on the occasion, emphasised that in today's times it is essential to integrate art, thought and life with strong commitment.

He observed that not only India but the entire world is engulfed in violence, cruelty and war. Under the guise of globalisation, destructive forces are growing in every field, threatening global peace, he warned.

In such fragile and critical times, nurturing a cultural mindset, cultivating sensitivity and humaneness, is the collective responsibility of writers, artistes and sportspersons. This, he said, is not limited to a few individuals but is a social responsibility of all. Neglecting this duty would amount to betrayal of one's conscience and the nation.

He asserted that art should never create divisions among people. Instead of promoting caste discrimination, it should contribute to the annihilation of caste. Contemporary theatre, he said, is fulfilling this human responsibility.

Prior to the inauguration, Manava Team, Hassan, presented Kolata. Following the inauguration, Bengaluru-based Kala Madhyama Theatre Group staged the play 'Nanna Tejaswi,' directed by Giriraj.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Salt to Remove the Evil Eye

In India, salt is not just a mineral. It is a magical substance that not only enhances the taste of food but also protects the body from *'nazar'* or evil eye.

Indians speak of two types of salt: one from the mountains and the other from the sea. Mountain salt comes from the Himalayas, which is an ancient seabed uplifted millions of years ago. The most famous pink salt comes from Khewra of Pakistan. This is the *"sendha namak"* used in fasting rituals and considered most pure as it comes from the Himalayas and is uncontaminated by sea.

India today is trying to boost its own self-sufficiency for rock salt at the salt mines of Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. Sea salt is made by evaporating sea water in the salt pans of Gujarat's Rann of Kutch, coastal Andhra, Tamil Nadu and Konkan. This has

been worked for centuries by communities who know the rhythm of the tide and sun.

As in many parts of the world, salt in India is used as a weapon against envy, malice and invisible forces. A handful of salt circled around a person's head was thrown into the fire or the wind to remove all negative energy. Salt scattered at thresholds to keep harm from entering. Salt dissolved in water to cleanse homes before a festival. These gestures appear instinctively Indian, but they belong to a much older, global language.

The Greeks toss salt into flames to break the evil eye, Italians over the shoulder to repel envy, Japanese Shinto shrines scatter salt to purify, Middle Eastern doorways are protected by salt piles and Latin Americans bathe in saltwater to dissolve *mal de ojo*.

Bali's unique salt is Palung salt harvested on black volcanic sand beaches, dried on trays made of coconut wood. This is used to flavour food and to ward off malevolent spirits in local rituals. This is not cultural borrowing but a shared human intuition.

Salt is so central to human trust that it became a metaphor for loyalty itself. In India, we still say *namak halal* (faithful to the salt) and *namak haram* (betrayer of the salt). These phrases came through Persian, Arabic and Turkish cultural currents where sharing salt symbolised an unbreakable bond between protector and protected, host and guest, ruler and soldier.

Salt was once traded across the world by caravans and nomads. The word "salary" comes from the Latin word salarium, which means "salt money," and originally referred to the allowance given to Roman soldiers to buy salt. Salt was a valuable commodity in ancient times and the salarium became a fixed payment for service, leading to the word's modern meaning of regular compensation for work.

Shakespeare's play *King Lear* was inspired by a folk tale based on salt. In this story, a king banishes his youngest daughter after she truthfully tells him she loves him like meat loves salt. Years later, the king realises the value of her words when he eats food she has prepared with no salt and finds it flavourless, leading to his reconciliation with her.

When an Indian hand circles salt to remove the evil eye, it is not an isolated superstition. It is a ritual language that once travelled on caravans, on ships, on the breath of stories told around hearths from West Asia to South Asia and beyond.

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Dilapidated Saraswathipuram Fire Station: Wait continues!

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The delay dates back to 6 years and 18 days. On Aug. 9, 2019, a portion of the building's dilapidated façade collapsed during heavy rain. No restoration work has been taken up since, despite repeated assurances by successive Chief Ministers, Ministers and local elected representatives who visited the site in the aftermath of the collapse.

The Home Minister said the Finance Department has categorised the proposal as a new project, for which no provision has been made in the 2025–26 Budget, resulting in the proposal being deferred once again.

A notified heritage building

Dr. Parameshwar noted that the Fire Station, constructed in 1898, is a notified heritage building and has functioned as a Fire Station since 1942.

Despite the partial collapse, the rear portion of the premises continues to house the offices of the Chief Fire Officer, Regional Fire Officer, District Fire Officer, Station Officer, the Zonal Control Room and 84 personnel working round-the-clock, with six fire tenders in operation.

The campus also includes 59 staff quarters, all of which have been vacated as they are in a severely dilapidated condition.

Tussle between PWD and heritage experts

Soon after the 2019 collapse, the Public Works Department (PWD) prepared an estimate of Rs. 20 lakh for repairs. However, following similar collapses at other heritage structures such as portions of Maharani's College and Maharaja's College, a five-member PWD committee recommended that the buildings and the staff quarters be razed and rebuilt in the same architectural style, in adherence to heritage norms.

The recommendation drew opposition from heritage experts, who argued that only the collapsed portions should be reconstructed, while the remaining structure should be renovated and restored.

This led to a detailed review by the district-level Heritage Committee, after which the Government directed officials to prepare a proposal for complete demolition and reconstruction mirroring the original design.

DPR of Rs. 30 crore

Accordingly, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for demolition and reconstruction, estimated at Rs. 30 crore, was prepared. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has received the plans and 3D drawings, and a decision was taken to build a new Fire Station along with residential quarters.

The Home Minister said the Fire and Emergency Services Department submitted the proposal on August 12, 2025, seeking approval for the construction of a new Fire Station and 30 residential quarters. While the PWD has finalised the estimate, the Finance Department (FD) has declined clearance, citing a lack of budgetary provision.

"The FD has stated that no allocation has been made for this project in 2025-26 Budget. Due to financial constraints, additional grants cannot be provided, and the proposal has therefore been deferred," Dr. Parameshwar said.

Drunken brawl claims life

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The Police team conducted a preliminary investigation and detained several persons who were present at the time of the incident for questioning.

Police have registered a case and formed one team led by H.D. Kote Town Inspector Gangadhar to trace and arrest the absconding accused.

Meanwhile, residents alleged that the sale and consumption of liquor and narcotic substances have increased in the town and claimed that despite being aware of the problem, Police have failed to act decisively, leading to such violent incidents.

Adding to the liquor and narcotics is the menace of Kerala State lotteries, they alleged.

Water purifier donated

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who celebrated his 66th birthday on Dec. 16, donated a drinking water purifier unit to Mathrumandali Shishuvikasa Special School on behalf of SBM Manju Sneha Balaga at Government Guest House premises. Former Minister S.R. Mahesh, MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, former MLA Ashwin Kumar, former Corporator S.B.M. Manju, Priya, Darshan, Prakash and others were present.

Mysuru-based Skanray plans regional airline

Services proposed from Mysuru with three ATR-72 aircraft by mid-April 2026

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (BCT)- Mysuru-based Skanray Technologies is set to diversify into aviation.

The company is preparing to launch **'Skanjet Aviation'** from Mysuru, with a Rs. 150-200 crore regional airline plan, positioning the city as its operational base to tap growing demand for regional air travel and the Government's push to improve connectivity to smaller cities.

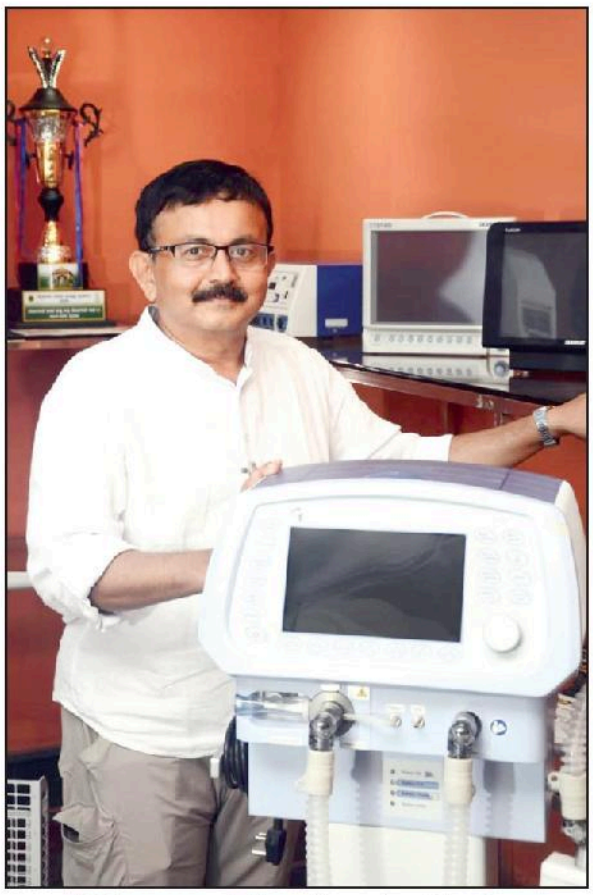
Skanray Technologies Managing Director Vishwaprasad Alva told *Star of Mysore* this morning that, subject to regulatory approvals and operating licences, the company aims to launch air services from Mysuru by mid-April 2026.

"Five years ago, we discussed strengthening air services from Mysuru with then MP Prathap Simha, following the Centre's **UDAN** *(Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik)* Regional Connectivity Scheme. Since then, we have studied the aviation ecosystem in depth, engaging with aircraft manufacturers, operators, investors and aggregators. We believe now the time is right," Alva said.

Amaravati as a connectivity hub

'Skanjet' plans to launch operations from Mysuru, while now-developing Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh as a connectivity hub for both domestic and intl. routes.

"Mysuru makes strategic sense. It is a hub for exhibitions and health tourism, with major projects such as a semiconductor hub coming up. It is also an edu-tech centre and a future Electronics System Design and Manufacturing hub," Alva noted.



Vishwaprasad Alva, Managing Director, Skanray Technologies, Mysuru

The company has held discussions with both the State and Central Governments and is awaiting licences and statutory clearances from the Civil Aviation authorities. Policy support and assurances from the Centre and the State will be critical during the initial phase, Alva said.

Three ATR-72 aircraft

'Skanjet' proposes to begin operations with three ATR-72 aircraft, connecting Mysuru with Hyderabad, Goa, Mangaluru, Kochi, Chennai, Tirupati and Mumbai. The fleet is expected to expand to six aircraft within a year.

"We estimate an initial investment of Rs. 150-200 crore, with leased aircraft. Discussions are underway with aircraft manufacturers and leasing firms. We are not people with deep pockets. Capital will largely come from close contacts and high-net-worth individuals willing to back the venture," Alva said, adding that funding will be raised through a mix of equity and debt.

He said, Skanray has sought assurances of fair and consistent policy treatment from both Governments. "If policy remains stable, a regional airline can break even within two years," he added.

The move comes amid growing scrutiny of market concentration in Indian aviation, following IndiGo's recent large-scale flight cancellations that stranded thousands of passengers. IndiGo currently commands around 64 percent of the domestic market.

Christmas Carnival

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (KS)- The 4th edition of Christmas Carnival-2025 will be held from Dec. 19 (tomorrow) to Dec. 26 at St. Philomena's Church in city.

Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serro SJ, will inaugurate the Carnival at 4 pm tomorrow in the presence of Vicar General Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca and Parish Priest / Rector of St. Philomena's Church Rev. Fr. Alex Prashanth Sequeira.

The eight-day Christmas Carnival will showcase a vibrant blend of faith, culture, entertainment, food and community festivities, drawing visitors from across the city and other places.

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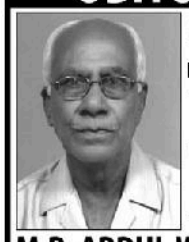

May his soul rest in peace.

Burial was done on 17.12.2025

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Date: 18.12.2025

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.00 am	7.30 am	Monday
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.15 am	7.55 am	Daily
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	6.00 am	7.45 am	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
66554	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagara	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	1.05 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05 am	12.15 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.45 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45 pm	4.25 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.45 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	5.00 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.10 pm	Daily Except Thur
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.45 pm	6.25 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.50 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	5.10 pm	8.10 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
06237	Mysuru	Manamadurai	6.35 pm	9.15 pm	Mon
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.40 am	Daily
66580	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.10 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	1.55 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.55 am	3.35 am	Thursday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	1.55 am	3.35 am	Sunday
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.30 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.45 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.30 am	7.10 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.20 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.40 am	8.35 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.55 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	6.15 am	9.30 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.30 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	7.50 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.10 am	12.00 pm	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.30 am	11.15 am	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.15 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35 am	1.00 pm	Daily Except Thur
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.00 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.25 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.35 pm	Daily
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56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.00 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.35 pm	8.45 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.30 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.00 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	8.25 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.30 pm	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.10 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.25 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.25 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.45 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.40 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.00 pm	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	10.00 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	9.30 pm	9.00 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	6.00 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	5.05 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	10.00 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.30 am (Mys)	9.20 am	Daily
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.00 am	Daily
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.45 am	1.30 pm	Daily
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
56282	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
56205	Nanjangud	Mysuru	10.25 pm	11.15 pm	Daily
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40 pm	12.30 pm	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	5.00 pm	Daily
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.30 pm	7.20 pm	Daily
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.35 pm	Daily
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.45 pm	11.40 pm	DailyPassenger

Nodal Officers to curb female foeticide in State: Minister

Belagavi, Dec. 18 (Agencies)- Accepting that acts of female foeticide has not stopped in Karnataka, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the State Government was taking strict measures to prevent it.

Dinesh Gundu Rao

He said the Government was appointing separate Nodal Officers in all districts and tightening measures to prevent foeticide, which he called a "social evil." He also assured that the Government would consider strengthening legislation to control such activities.

Responding to a question by BJP MLC C.T. Ravi in the Legislative Council, he said, "Female foeticide has certainly not stopped. If you look at the sex ratio, there is a lot of difference. I accept that this is happening."

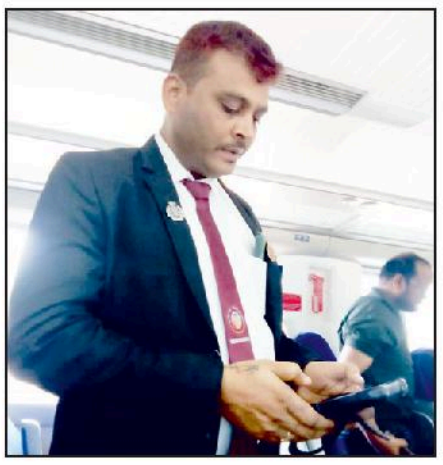
"Foeticide is not happening under pressure; voluntarily, it is happening, for not wanting a girl child. These things are happening based on sex determination of foetus at some hospitals. Sex determination is illegal, but with the advancement in technology, portable ultrasound machines have been developed, which can be easily carried anywhere and scans and tests can be done. This needs to be controlled. We will bring it to the notice of the Central Government," he said.

In some districts and in a few hospitals, a higher number of male child births are happening. It is found with the help of intelligence input, the Minister said. "Information is being gathered about the taluks in which the male-female ratio is worsening, what is happening in which hospital and appropriate action is being taken to crack down on such a network after proper evaluation," he said.

Decoy operations have been done at seven places in last two years, to identify those involved in illegal activities linked to female foeticide and actions have been taken against officials and hospitals involved, he said. The Government will consider strengthening legislation and making it stricter to control this.

The Minister also said that measures are being taken for effective implementation of The Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC & PNDT) Act and awareness is being created against identification of female foetuses.

Ticket checking drives boost railway revenue



Mysuru, Dec. 18- South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division has recorded a marked improvement in ticket checking performance during the current financial year by intensifying enforcement measures across stations and on trains.

In November 2025 alone (FY 2025-26), the Division detected 18,095 cases of ticketless and irregular travel, generating revenue of Rs. 89.37 lakh. This represents a 12% increase in cases and a 21% rise in revenue compared to November 2024 (FY 2024-25), when 16,071 cases were booked, yielding Rs. 71.16 lakh.

During April 1 to Nov. 30, 2025, Mysuru Division registered 1.48 lakh ticket checking cases, earning a total revenue of Rs. 7.50 crore. In the corresponding period previous year, 1.35 lakh cases were detected, with revenue of Rs. 6.25 crore. This reflects a year-on-year growth of 9% in cases and 17 % in revenue.

Railway officials attributed the improved performance to sustained ticket checking drives, special enforcement campaigns and surprise inspections conducted at stations and aboard trains.

These measures are aimed at curbing unauthorised travel, encouraging compliance with railway rules and enhancing the overall passenger experience.

The Mysuru Division has urged passengers to travel only with valid tickets and proper travel authority. With passenger traffic expected to rise during the upcoming festive and peak travel season, SWR said it would further strengthen ticket checking activities.

Reels competition: MCC invites entries from College students

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (SPN&VNS)- In an effort to safeguard environment and create awareness about cleanliness among youths, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has organised environment reels (parisara reels) contest for College students.

The competition provides a platform for students to showcase their creativity and an opportunity to join hands in making Mysuru the cleanest city in the country.

The topics: **1.** Waste segregation at source, **2.** Creating awareness among those littering in public places, **3.** Banning single-use plastic and **4.** Reuse of water.

The duration of the reels must not exceed a minute; the video should not contain elements that harm or promote any individual, organisation, political party, caste or religion.

The first prize winner will get Rs. 5,000, second prize - Rs. 3,000 and third prize - Rs. 2,000. Besides top 10 reels will be showcased at an exhibition to be organised by MCC. Interested students can submit their reels to WhatsApp No. 99723 - 91577 before Dec.30.

'Innovation, the only differentiator'

Students seen during two day Software Edition of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) organised by Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) in city recently.

Mysuru, Dec.18- Innovation is the only true differentiator in today's world, said Rohith Aradhya, Vice-President and Managing Director, Barracuda Networks.

Speaking after inaugurating the two-day Software Edition of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) organised by Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) at its premises here recently, he noted that the world is on the verge of a technological transformation where knowledge alone no longer provides an edge.

"Any information is available at our fingertips. What matters is how you use it, how you add value and how effectively you execute your ideas," he said.

Drawing from his experience, Rohith emphasised that success is driven far more by execution than ideation.

"Five percent is the idea; 95 percent is execution. It's not the smartest idea that wins, but how well you bring it to life," he remarked and urged students

Rohith Aradhya, Vice-President and Managing Director, Barracuda Networks, seen addressing students at VVCE.

to understand the core problem they are solving, visualise their solutions in a larger context, and refine them for real-world environments.

VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda said students from across India are participating with the shared goal of contributing to the nation's journey from a service-based to a product-based economy. "India aims to grow from a USD 4.2 trillion economy to USD 25 - 35 trillion by 2047. Creative, product-oriented thinking by young innovators is essential."

Convenor V. Ravikumar informed that SIH 2025 features 60 nodal centres nationwide including VVCE securing second highest representations from Karnataka.

It is hosting 20 teams with around 140 participants from premier institutions across India tackling core problem statements under expert jury evaluation. These talents will compete to develop innovative solutions to real world challenges based on problem statements provided by AICTE, New Delhi.

Gundappa Gowda, President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, presided. P. Vishwanath, Secretary, VVS, Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, Akhilesh Kumar Singh, AICTE representative, Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal, VVCE, C.R. Aditya, Nodal Centre Incharge and Nithin Kumar of Nodal Centre, were present.

'Libraries play vital role for knowledge enhancement'

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (PM&VNS) - In an era where internet has taken over, libraries are continuing to play a vital role in knowledge enhancement, said University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha.

She was speaking after inaugurating the prize distribution ceremony of debate competition on 'Relevance of Libraries in Internet Era' organised by University of Mysore Central Library as part of National Library Day and 133rd Birth Anniversary celebrations of *Padma Shri* Dr. S.R. Ranganathan at its auditorium in Manasagangothri, here recently.

"The usage of libraries might have reduced in the present era but one can have knowledge enhancement only through books. Instead of wasting their time on mobile phones, students must return to books to acquire information about their subject of interest," she added.

On the occasion, prizes were distributed to the winners of debate competition. A.G. Akash of Department of Studies in Political Science won the first prize and was followed by R. Kusuma Bai of Department of Studies in Chemistry and R. Praveen Kumar of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies in second and third positions respectively.

University of Mysore's former Librarian Dr. C.P. Ramasesh, Department of Systems and General Management, SDMIMD's Assistant Professor Dr. M.V. Sunil, University of Mysore Librarian Dr. P. Sarasvathy and others were present.

Varying weight: Gold loan customers throng bank

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (MK&BS)- Tension prevailed for sometime as hundreds of customers thronged Canara Bank, Hinkal branch, alleging difference in the weight of gold valuables pledged for loan, yesterday.

The frantic customers, including men and women, complained that the total weight of the valuables received was found varying at the time of closure of loan, when compared to the weight recorded at the time of pledging them at the bank. While recording the weight in loan account, it was deliberately mentioned less by one to two grams, said the customers, blaming the bank staff for the mess.

Renuka, a customer who had availed gold loan, told media persons that 'Three years ago, I had pledged a necklace with 81 beads and had borrowed Rs. 7 lakh and was paying Rs. 80,000 rate of interest every year. Recently, I cleared the loan and got the ornament released, only to find eight beads missing, with 73 intact. I immediately brought the matter to the notice of Bank Manager, by showing a picture of the necklace containing 81 beads.'

Bank AGM reacts: Allaying fears, Assistant General Manager of the Bank Rajashekar said, following the complaint, the bank staff have been enquired and a proper enquiry shall be initiated. As all the procedures are recorded on CCTV camera, the facts can be ascertained after the conclusion of probe.

A complaint has been lodged at Vijayanagar Police Station.

Mysuru Zoo Tigress falls sick

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (MTY&KS)- Tigress Tayamma, the four-year-and-10-month-old tigress at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) has fallen sick and is being treated by the veterinarians. The tigress was rescued in Bandipur on Mar. 28, 2021 and is housed in Mysuru Zoo since then.

Zoo Executive Director (ED) P. Anusha told *Star of Mysore* today that the tigress has developed fever and has stopped consuming food. Intravenous (IV) fluids are being administered and the tigress is put on antibiotics. Tigress is being continuously monitored by Zoo Veterinarians, the Zoo ED stated.

Obituary

Beeralinganna

Mysuru, Dec. 18-Beeralinganna (82), Guddappa of Sri Bisilu Maramma Temple, former Director of Sri Beereshwara Trust and a resident of Tonachikoppal, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

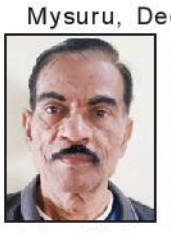
Last rites were held at Tonachikoppal Burial Grounds this noon.

Alhaj Abdul Wahid

Alhaj Abdul Wahid (80), PWD and Railway Contractor and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including Congress leader Jamsheed, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday at Firdous Masjid in Bannimantap, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Former Minister S.A. Ramdas bereaved



Padmanabha Das

Mysuru, Dec. 18- A. Padmanabha Das (70), retired PWD employee and a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city after brief illness.

He was the elder brother of former Minister S.A. Ramdas and businessman Srikanth Das.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

WORD OF THE DAY

Dreidel

Pronunciation: DRAY-dul (noun)
Meaning: A dreidel is a 4-sided toy marked with Hebrew letters and spun like a top in a game of chance. The game, played by children especially at Hanukkah, is also called dreidel.
Origin: If your dreidel is spinning beneath the glow of the menorah, it's probably the Jewish festival of lights known as Hanukkah. The holiday celebrates the miracle of a small amount of oil — enough for one day — burning for eight days in the Temple of Jerusalem. And though it's a toy, the dreidel's design is very much an homage: on each of its four sides is inscribed a Hebrew letter — nun, gimel, he, and shin — which together stand for Nes gadol haya sham, meaning "A great miracle happened there." (In Israel, the letter pe, short for po, "here," is often used instead of shin). In the game of dreidel, each letter bears its own significance: the dreidel is spun and depending on which letter is on top when it lands, the player's currency, or gelt, is added to or taken from the pot. Nun means the player does nothing; gimel means the player gets everything; he means the player gets half; and shin means the player adds to the pot. Wherever you land on holiday traditions, we wish you words of gimel: gratitude, grub, and, of course, gaiety.
Example: "The Jewish tradition has always been syncretic, adapting & responding to culture around it, he [Rabbi Steven Philp] said. Hanukkah is 'a great example of this,' Philp said, noting that the holiday's traditions — like spinning the dreidel, eating potato pancakes and munching on ... jelly-filled doughnuts — are customs that were borrowed from neighboring cultures over time." —Kate Heather, The Chicago Sun-Times, 25 Dec. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Zwieback

Slice of sweet bread baked again until it is hard and crisp.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Down to the wire

Meaning: The idiom "Down to the wire" means waiting until the last minute to do something.
Origin: The origin of the idiom "Down to the wire" is in Horse-Racing. In the late 19th century, a small wire was strung across the track, above the finish line, to help the judges determine which horse crossed the finish line first. An early example appeared in the July issue of Scribner's Magazine in 1889, in the story 'How the derby was won': "As the end of the stand was reached Timarch worked up to Petrel, and the two raced down to the wire."
Example: "I went partying yesterday and forgot that I'm supposed to submit my paper tomorrow. It's gonna be down to the wire and I'll have to pull an all-nighter to finish it on time."

QUOTE BOX

Nothing can have value without being an object of utility. **—Karl Marx**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TRACK

Answer :On the right track.

SUDOKU

	5						2	7
				9	6			
	7	4			2		3	
	8		4			6		
	9			1			5	
		3			9		4	
	6		9			1	7	
			1	2				
3	2						8	

Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	7	3	2	9	5	4	8
4	2	5	1	8	6	3	7	9
9	8	3	5	7	4	6	2	1
6	7	2	8	3	5	9	1	4
5	9	1	7	4	2	8	6	3
3	4	8	6	9	1	7	5	2
8	5	4	9	1	7	2	3	6
2	3	6	4	5	8	1	9	7
7	1	9	2	6	3	4	8	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Father
4 ___ major : Big Bear in the sky?
8 Joust
12 _ _ carte (1,2)
13 Flavour enhancer
14 Dumb person
15 Methane variant (5-3)
17 Very old
18 A black tea - "a poke" anagram?
19 Change course
21 Undergarment
23 Cunning or skillful
27 East Indian shrub
30 Take to court
32 Weird or uncanny
33 Missile used in the Gulf War
35 Defraud
37 Take it easy or relax
38 ___ off : disclaim responsibility, in a way?
40 Electronic Industries Assoc.
42 Time To Stn.
43 Olympic gold medallist ___ Chopra
45 Cavity or hole
47 Northern arm of the Black Sea
49 Quick and energetic
53 Food (informal)
56 Mountain range in North India
58 ____ and void?
59 Declare
60 Irregular, abbr.
61 Sampras of tennis
62 Train track
63 Went in front

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	C	H	O	■	F	A	R	M	■	H	E	T	
A	H	A	B	■	A	B	E	E	■	O	S	E	
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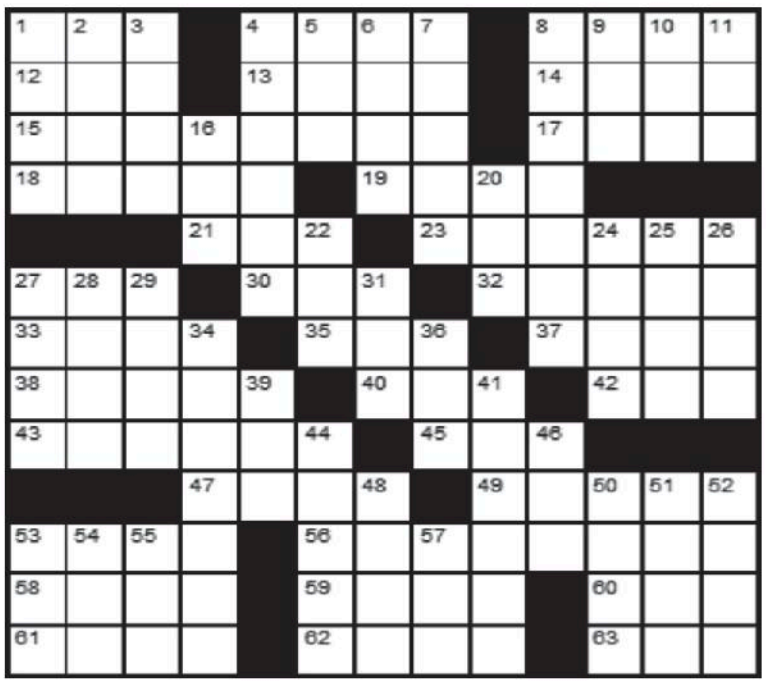
O	B	E	Y	S	■	F	A	V	O	U	R	S	
T	Y	R	O	■	A	F	F	I	X	■	■	■	
■	■	F	U	E	L	■	F	E	T	I	S	H	
A	D	O	R	A	B	L	E	■	A	S	E	A	
G	U	N	■	S	U	I	T	■	I	T	C	H	
E	N	D	■	Y	M	C	A	■	L	O	T	A	

DOWN

1 Slightly moist
2 Wings or winglike parts
3 Without light
4 Theatre employees
5 Cloth fragment
6 East European
7 Between ports (2,3)
8 More astute or cleverer?
9 Small stocky dog
10 ___ one's heart out : grieved continuously?
11 "R" of VIBGYOR?
16 Weep
20 Before, poetically speaking
22 Eighth mo.
24 ___ over : be worried or concerned about?
25 Hebridean isle - "suit" anagram?
26 Gives permission
27 Org.
28 Continuous discomfort
29 Enticement or attraction
31 Needle feature
34 Hard-wearing
36 Small seed
39 52 Down locally?
41 Capital of Mizoram
44 Producer & director Karan ___
46 The sesame plant or seed
48 Start of a cheer
50 A wooden bucket?
51 Funerary bonfire
52 Three feet
53 Govt. statistic
54 French street
55 Of last month, in short, in correspondence
57 'Me' in French



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

U SC S BSEK YD SVV

KPSK U PSXT CTK.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Absence extinguishes small passions and increases great ones, as the wind blows out a candle, and blows in a fire.

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The Devil (K) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre Mob: 98454-14691
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Mahasenha (Ta) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre Mob: 98863-25207
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Padmagandhi (K)	(S-1)	9.30 am
Akhanda 2 (Te)	(S-1)	12.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 pm
	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	12.50 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.55 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Padayappa (Ta)	(S-3)	12 noon
Vishwaroopini Shree Vasavi (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	9.25 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.45 pm
		9.15 pm, 10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	12.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.30 am, 8.55 am, 10.20 am
		11.55 am, 12.10 pm, 1.45 pm
		3.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.45 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am, 1.45 pm, 5.30 pm
		6 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Sholay: The Final Cut (H)	:	1.15 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	5.10 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	:	7.35 pm
Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.05 am, 8.40 am, 11.30 am
		12.05 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 am, 2 pm, 6.15 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 18)

Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch: Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru: Niranthara Ranga Utsava, B.V. Karanth's Theatre Songs presentation by Devanand Varaprasad & Niranthara Team, **5.30 pm;** Poet & Senior Journalist G.P. Basavaraju and Department of Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will take part in the stage programme, **6.15 pm;** 'Naada Sanje' jugalbandi by Ravi Shankar Mishra on Flute, Junaid Khan on Sitar and Rishi Prasad on Tabla (Austin, Texas, USA), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Anikethana and Vismaya Book House, Mysuru: Releasing of books 'Holeya Maralu', 'Hongeya Neralu', 'Yalakkigone' and 'Avareya Sone', authored by Prof. M. Krishnegowda; Former Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar inaugurates, writer and film maker Dr. Nagathihalli Chandrashekar presides, writer K.C. Shivappa chief guest, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) Project Director Prof. Nilagiri Talawar speaks about the books, Prof. M. Krishnegowda will be present; Felicitation to Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, artiste Prakash Chikkapalya, Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha Treasurer K.V. Sridhar, Mysuru District Veerashaiva-Lingayat Employees Welfare Association President B.R. Shivakumar and Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Constructions Proprietor Kadakola Kumar; Releasing of Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Constructions' 2026 Calendar, Regenta Central Javaji hotel, near AIISH, Bogadi Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira: Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 19)

Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch: Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Anveshana Seva Trust: Releasing of the book 'Arasu Chutuku Chittaragalu,' authored by Chutuku Yugacharya Dr. MGR Urs and edited by V. Seethalakshmi Varma; former Kannada and Culture Minister Rani Satish inaugurates, Karnataka Sanskrit University former Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar releases the book, Kanteerava Studio former Chairperson Vijayalakshmi Urs presides, Educationist Bhramara Bahaddur will receive the first copy of the book, Bengaluru Doordarshan Director (retd.) Dr. Nirmala C. Yaligar and Editor V. Seethalakshmi Varma will be the chief guests, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.45 am.**

Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation: Inauguration of National Puppetry Festival, K.M. Gayathri, Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru, guest of honour, Indira Nair, Senior Theatre Director and Actor, chief guest, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru: Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Srinivas Bhat's (Cheeni) Theatre Songs by Devanand Varaprasad and Niranthara Team, **5.30 pm;** Theatre Artiste Rajappa Dalavai and Srinivasu Palahalli of Niranthara will take part in the stage programme, **6.15 pm;** Staging of the play 'Prathi Gandharva' by Vrutti Rangabhumi Rangayana, Davanagere, Writer - Rajappa Dalavai, Music - Ravi Mururu and Direction - Malatesh Badiger, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Devil (K)	:	7.50 am, 8.50 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.05 pm, 7.05 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K)	:	3.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.50 am, 2 pm
		6.10 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Devil (K)	:	7.40 am, 8.40 am, 11.05 am
		12.05 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.55 pm
		9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	9.05 am, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 2.10 pm
		6.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Peotu (K)	:	12.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Lecture programme on Bhagavatha

Mysuru, Dec. 18- Srimad Bhagavatha, one of the Ashtadasha (18) Purnas is well-known as 'Moksha Shastra,' a perfect blend of 'Jnana' (knowledge) and 'bhakti' (devotion).

Dr. Veena

Listening to 'Bhagavatha' encapsulates the essence of 'Vedas' and the 'Upanishads' and grants 'Mukti' (salvation) from shackles of 'Punarjanma.'

But how far this is relevant to present day life? What is the poetic beauty of 'Bhagavatha'? Dr. Veena Bannanje will deliver her lectures in this background.

Dr. Veena is a spiritual 'Sadhaki' who has imbibed the teachings of her father Bannanje Govindacharya and her spiritual Guru Satyakama. She resigned her teaching job in Udupi and immersed herself in the spiritual journey with the great master Satyakama. She has authored more than 22 books. 'Akkana Dwaitha', 'Santeyalondu Mane', 'Satyakamarondige Nanna Savirada Dinagalu', 'Allamopanishat' are some of her works.

A recipient of many awards such as 'Sahityasri' award from Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Vachanasri & M.K. Indira Awards, Dr. Veena Bannanje reiterates that 'none of this is me.' She is a towering presence in the Indian spiritual tradition and an extraordinary speaker. **These lectures are being organised by 'Parampare' from Dec. 22 to 28 at Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana on JLB Road, everyday at 6 pm.** For details, contact Mob: 99860-37311.

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WALK-IN - RECRUITMENT

Committed, Inspiring & Skilful Teachers are informed to attend walk-in interview on 21.12.2025 (Sunday) at school premises from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.with necessary documents including passport size photos. Fluency in English is a must. Additional qualification will have extra weightage.

Sl.No	Post For	Qualification
1	PGT - Biology	M.Sc in Natural science with B.Ed.
2	PGT- Mathematics	M.Sc. In Maths with B.Ed
3	PGT - Physics	M.Sc in Physics with B.Ed
4	PGT-Chemistry	M.Sc in Chemistry with B.Ed
5	PGT -Social Science & English	M.A. With B.Ed in English & Social Science
6	TGT	M.A./B.A. in Hindi with B.Ed.
7	TGT	B.Sc./B.A with B.Ed
8	Physical Education	Any degree with B.P.Ed/ M.P.Ed
9	Nursery	Any degree with NST
10	TGT-Computer Science	B.E. in Computer Science / IT from an AICTE /PG in Computer science
11	PGT-AI	Masters in Artificial intelligence
12	PGT	Masters in Business administration
13	Supervisor	Any degree with good English communication skill

(R.Anand)
Secretary
D.A.V.Public School, Mysore

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Email : secretary@bvbmysuru.com
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Teachers with relevant experience and proven professional competency required for the below mentioned posts.

- Kindergarten Teachers:
  - Any degree with Montessori / Nursery Training.
  - Experience of 2 years and above.
- Primary School Teachers - English, Mathematics & Science
  - Graduate degree in relevant subject.
  - D.Ed/B.Ed recognised by NCTE with one year teaching experience.
- High School Teachers - English, Science & Social Science
  - Graduate / Post Graduate Degee in relevant subject
  - B.Ed recognised by NCTE with three years teaching experience

Those with strong communication skills and proficient in their subject area may send their resume with recent photograph to secretary@bvbmysuru.com on or before 25th of December. Shortlisted candidates will be called for Demonstration class (Lesson plan and TLMs are compulsory) and personal interview.
Salary and perquisites offered that match to the best schools in Mysuru.
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Honorary Secretary

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